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SUBJECT: COLUMBIA TEACHERS COLLEGE - USSR EXCHANGE

1. TEACHERS COLLEGE OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY HAS ASKED US TO INDICATE ITS READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION IN FIELD OF EDUCATION. DEAN BUTTS FEELS COLLEGE WOULD PREFER SEMINAR-TYPE PROGRAM ENABLING GREATER IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF PROBLEMS AND PLANS AS WELL AS DEEPEN MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING THAN IS POSSIBLE IN A PROGRAM OF GENERAL ORIENTATION AND TRAVEL.

2. ACCORDINGLY, TEACHERS COLLEGE IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT A SOVIET DELEGATION - PREFERABLY NOT MORE THAN TEN OR TWELVE PERSONS - AT ANY TIME, BUT OPTIMALLY IN APRIL OR MAY BEFORE SUMMER VACATION. SPECIAL EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT TEACHERS COLLEGE AND WHICH MAY BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO SOVIET EDUCATORS INCLUDE (A) SPECIAL EDUCATION - LEADING U.S. FACULTY IN THIS FIELD AS WELL AS BUILDING CONTAINING MOST ADVANCED EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR TRAINING EXPERTS IN EDUCATION OF PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED. (B) GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING - FACULTY MEMBERS IN COUNSELING, PERSONNEL PSYCHOLOGY, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELING, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY, AND CAREER GUIDANCE ARE KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. (C) MEASUREMENT AND

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EVALUATION - THE TRAINING PROGRAMS IN ACHIEVEMENT AND PSYCH-

OLOGICAL TESTING MIGHT BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST. (D) SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF EDUCATION IN METROPOLITAN AND URBAN CENTERS. -

NEW INSTITUTE FOR URBAN AND MINORITY EDUCATION HAS JUST BEEN ESTABLISHED IN COOPERATION WITH THE EDUCATION TESTING SERVICE OF PRINCETON, N.J. (E) OUTSTANDING RESEARCH IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND EDUCATION. - DEPARTMENT OF 20 MEMBERS SPECIALIZES IN THE APPLICATION TO EDUCATION OF METHODS AND KNOWLEDGE TO BE DERIVED FROM DISCIPLINES OF HISTORY, ECONOMICS, ANTHROPOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY, POLITICAL SCIENCE, PHILOSOPHY, AND COMPARATIVE STUDIES.

3. TEACHERS COLLEGE IS ALSO PREPARED TO SEND DELEGATION TO SOVIET UNION AT TIME TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED. FYI BUTTS EMPHASIZED THAT TEACHERS COLLEGE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VISIT TO SOVIET UNION EVEN IF SOVIET DELEGATION DOES NOT COME HERE AND VICE-VERSA. END FYI. CU WOULD PROPOSE TO SUPPLY REQUISITE FUNDING WITH CONCURRENCE OF EMBASSY.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE FORMAL PROPOSAL AT FONMIN ALONG THESE LINES. KISSINGER

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